# Alaska Seafood Processors Pandemic Response Relief Program Instructional Guidelines

Please read this document in its entirety prior to applying and refer to it if you have any questions or issues during your application process. This document provides detailed step-by-step instructions for responding to every question in the application. If questions arise after reading these instructions, contact <a href="mailto:ced.seafoodprocessors@alaska.gov">ced.seafoodprocessors@alaska.gov</a> for the quickest response, or call (907) 269-8100.

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### **Begin Your Application**

To begin your application, you will login to the application portal. The portal can be found here: https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/AlaskaSeafoodProcessorsPandemicResponseReliefProgram.aspx

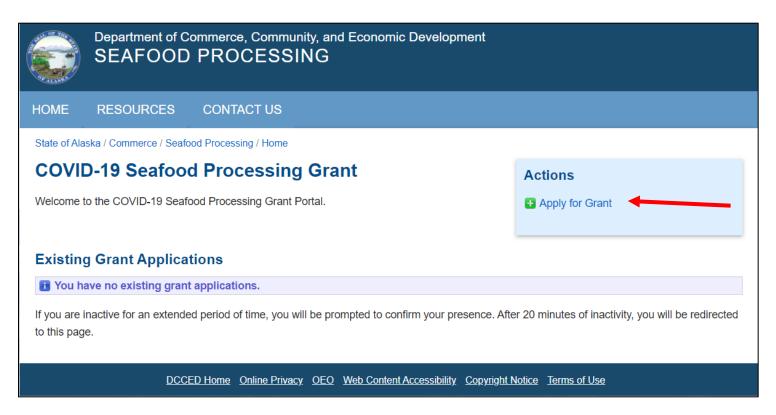
## **Application Process:**

Review our Alaska Seafood Processors Grant Program Application Instructions (these instructions will be available prior to the application period opening).

Applications must be submitted online through the MyAlaska system. For help with your MyAlaska account, visit MyAlaska's Help Page or call 1-866-377-0126.

Use the Alaska Seafood Processors Grant Application Portal to apply for an Alaska Seafood Processors Pandemic Response Relief Program grant. The link to this Application Portal will be available when the application period opens on April 5.

Once the application opens, the link highlighted above will take you to your MyAlaska login page. Use your MyAlaska credentials to log in and you will be automatically routed to the Alaska Seafood Processors Pandemic Response Relief Program application landing page.



From here, you will have the option to begin a new application.

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### Save Application

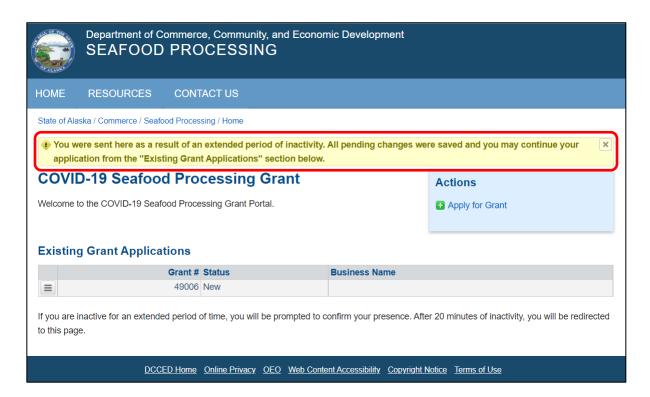
Once you begin your application, you may exit at any time to continue later as needed. To do so, click the "Save and Continue Later" button on the bottom of the screen. The portal does not auto-save while you are working on your application, so it is recommended that you save frequently by clicking "Save and Continue Later".

All documents uploaded to incomplete and unsubmitted applications will be deleted after 7 days. If you are unable to complete and submit your application within 7 days, these documents will need to be uploaded again.



### **Application Time Out**

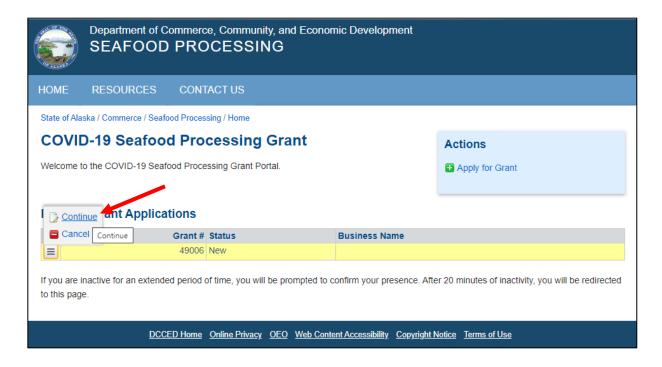
The portal will automatically time out after 20 minutes of inactivity. A prompt will appear allowing you to click to continue working or, if you are unresponsive, you will be returned to the Home Page. Your progress will be saved if your application times out.



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### **Continue Existing Application**

Whether your application timed out or you saved it to continue later, resume your application by clicking "Continue" as shown below.



# Grant Application Questionnaire

| Is this business currently in operation?  |   |
|---|---|
| ○ Yes ○ No Is this business currently in operation?   |   |
| Respond yes or no. To be eligible, businesses must cu will operate in 2022 but are currently out of season sh   | rrently be in operation. Seasonal businesses that have or nould answer <i>yes</i> .   |
| Does this business intend to stay in operation indefinitely?  |   |
| ○ Yes ○ No Does this business intend to stay in operation   | indefinitely?   |
| Respond yes or no. To be eligible, businesses must in circumstances.  | ntend to remain in operation barring any unforeseeable  |
| Is the applicant or any owner of the applicant presently su ineligible, voluntarily excluded from participation in a grar presently a debtor in any pending bankruptcy? |   |
| ○ Yes ○ No Is the applicant or any owner of the applicant presently suspexcluded from participation in a grant program by any Feder bankruptcy?                         | pended, debarred, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, voluntari<br>ral department or agency, or presently a debtor in any pending  |
| Businesses, and Professional Licensing or the appropr   | nding with the State of Alaska Division of Corporations, riate license, certification, or permit authority in order to a must not have been debarred from participation in state  |
| Are you the business owner or an authorized third party for th  | e business?   |
| ○ Yes ○ No Are you the business owner or an authorized  | d third party for the business?   |
| not the owner(s) or authorized agent, the Signatory A with all other required documents at the end of the a   | authorized agent may apply for this program. If you are Authority Form must be competed, signed, and uploaded pplication. The Signatory Authority Form can be found at: ab/AK-SeafoodProcessors-Signatory-Authority-Form.pdf. |
| Do you agree to comply with all reporting requirements and m  | aintain accurate records?   |
| ○ Yes ○ No Do you agree to comply with all reporting red  | quirements and maintain accurate records?   |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·   | y with all reporting requirements and maintain accurate auditors, grantees must comply with all requests for ain records for a period of six years.   |

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### **Applicant Information**

### Filer Details

This section is where the information is entered for the individual authorized to complete and submit the application for **all** Seafood and Shellfish Processing Permits being applied under on behalf of the applicant business. If you are not listed on State of Alaska records as an owner of the business, you will be required to complete a Signatory Authority Form. The signatory form can be found at: <a href="https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/0/pub/AK-SeafoodProcessors-Signatory-Authority-Form.pdf">https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/0/pub/AK-SeafoodProcessors-Signatory-Authority-Form.pdf</a>

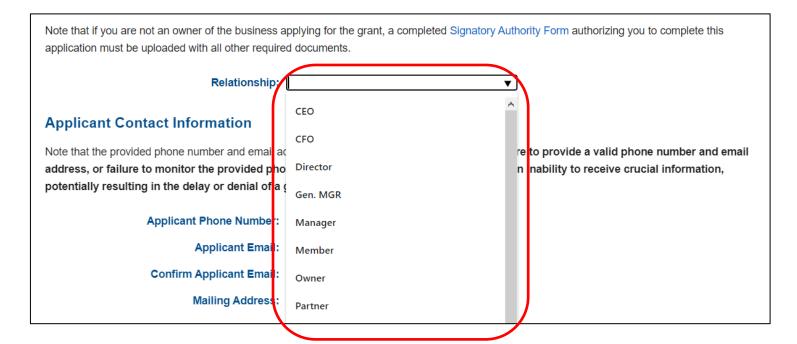
| Complete this section with your personal information as an individual authorized to submit this grant application on behalf of the business for all Alaska Seafood or Shellfish Permits included in the application. If you are not listed as an owner of the business based on the State of Alaska Corporations Database, you may be required to complete a Signatory Authority Form. |          |  |  |
|--|----------|--|--|
| First Name:  |          |  |  |
| Middle Name:   |          |  |  |
| Last Name:   |          |  |  |
| Suffix:  | <b>v</b> |  |  |

### Relationship to Grant Applicant

Select your relationship to the applicant business by selecting one of the predefined relationships in the drop-down menu. Use a predefined selection if possible, but if your relationship is not listed as one of the options, you may type it in. If you need to change your selection, first delete the current selection and then you will have the option to select from the dropdown menu again.

If you are not the owner or authorized signatory, the Signatory Authority Form must be completed, signed, and uploaded with other required documents. This Form can be found at:

https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/0/pub/AK-SeafoodProcessors-Signatory-Authority-Form.pdf.



### **Applicant Contact Information**

Provide current contact information. It is important that this information is current and correct, as this information will be used for communication during the processing of your grant application. If you do not provide a valid phone number and email address, or if you do not check your emails/voicemails regularly, you may miss important communication, potentially resulting in the rejection of your application. If you need to change your contact information after submission, send an email to ced.seafoodprocessors@alaska.gov, or call (907) 269-8100.

| Note that the provided phone number and email address will be used for all correspondence. Failure to provide a valid phone number and email address, or failure to monitor the provided phone number and email address may result in an inability to receive crucial information, potentially resulting in the delay or denial of a grant. |                      |  |  |
|---|----------------------|--|--|
| Applicant Phone Number:   | (907) 555-0000 x1234 |  |  |
| Applicant Email:  |                      |  |  |
| Confirm Applicant Email:  |                      |  |  |
| Mailing Address:  | <b></b> Add Address  |  |  |

### **Business Information**

**Business License Number(s)** – This field is optional. If applicant holds an Alaska business license for the seafood processing operation you are applying under, provide it here. List multiple business license numbers if applicable.

Alaska Entity Number – This field will be required depending on the Business Type selected from the dropdown menu. DUNS Number or Unique Entity ID – Businesses must provide their DUNS number or new Unique Entity ID issued through SAM.gov. Click "What's this?" for more information. If applicant does not already hold either a DUNS Number or a new Unique Entity ID, provide proof in the Upload Documents section near the end of the application that the SAM.gov registration process has been initiated.

**Alaska Vendor ID Number** – This field is optional. If applicant has received a grant from the State of Alaska in the past, provide your associated Alaska Vendor ID Number.

**Parent Business Information** – If applicant is a subsidiary of a parent company (meaning it is owned 51% or more by the parent company), provide the requested information about the parent company.

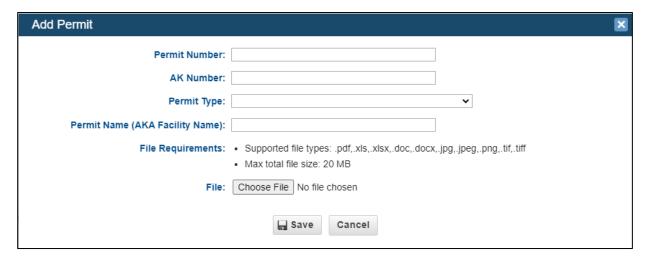
| Provide detailed information regarding the license, address, and ownership of the business applying for the grant. This information will be verified against State of Alaska records. |                |              |  |
|---|----------------|--------------|--|
| Business Name/DBA:  |                |              |  |
| Tax ID Number:  |                |              |  |
| Mailing Address:  | Add Address    |              |  |
| Business License Number(s):   |                | ] Q Search   |  |
| Business Type:  | •              |              |  |
| Alaska Entity Number:   | Not Applicable | Search       |  |
| DUNS Number or Unique Entity ID:  |                | What's this? |  |
| Alaska Vendor ID Number:  |                |              |  |
| Is this business a subsidiary of a parent   |                |              |  |
| company?  |                |              |  |
| Parent Business Name/DBA:   | Not Applicable |              |  |
| Parent DUNS Number or Unique Entity ID:   | Not Applicable |              |  |
| Parent Tax ID Number:   | Not Applicable |              |  |

### Permit Information

When you click "Add Permit", a box will appear for you to enter information for *each* permit that your business is applying under. Enter the information exactly as it is listed on your Seafood or Shellfish Processing Permit(s). You must upload a copy of each permit; if a specific permit was held in both 2020 and 2021, combine both years' permits into one file before uploading to your application. After saving, you may edit or remove a permit if needed.

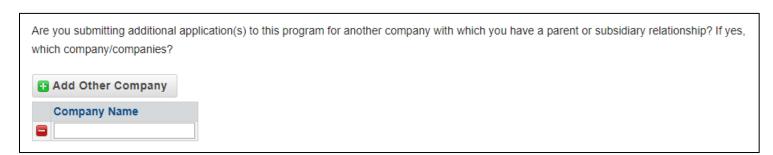
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### Other Companies

Complete this section if applicable. This will help DCCED staff to reference related applications together.



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### **Expenses**

Enter all COVID-19 expenditures for which your business is seeking reimbursement. Do not list any portion of expenses that have been paid by other forms of COVID relief funds (no double dipping).

Expenses must have been incurred between January 27, 2020 and December 31, 2021. Applicant must have held an active seafood or shellfish processing permit during the same period that expenses were incurred.

Eligible Expenses include:

- Medical: Costs of providing health services to protect workers against COVID-19. This includes, but is not limited to, costs incurred offering or
  providing COVID-19 screening, testing, vaccinations, healthcare treatment of infected employees, and medical personnel costs (only over and
  above traditional personnel costs). This also includes wages for workers on paid leave due to COVID-19 infection, in entry quarantine prior to
  work, or in quarantine due to potential infection.
- Retrofitting Facilities: Costs to retrofit facilities or vessels only to protect workers and consumers against COVID-19. This includes, but is not
  limited to, materials and labor to install protective barriers made of plexiglass or plastic sheeting and retrofits needed to maximize open-air
  activities such as walk up windows, heat lamps/heaters, fans, tents, propane, weights, tables, chairs, and lighting.
- Transportation: Additional transportation services for workers in order to maintain social distancing and worker and consumer safety to
  protect against COVID-19. This includes, but is not limited to, ground transportation and airfare, including charter flights. All transportation
  costs, including charter flight costs, must only be the difference over traditional costs of commercial travel.
- Worker Housing: Additional worker housing costs incurred to protect workers against COVID-19, maintain social distancing, and to allow for
  quarantining of new or exposed workers. This includes, but is not limited to, hotel, lodging, and food for workers in quarantine, and security
  services for monitored quarantine or closed seafood processing campuses. Housing and security costs must only be the difference over
  traditional (non-COVID-related) housing and security services.
- Workplace Safety Measures: Workplace safety measures implemented to protect workers against COVID-19. This includes, but is not
  limited to, personal protective equipment (PPE), sanitizer, hand washing stations, air filters, thermometers, cleaning supplies, or similar items.

Attach supporting documentation for each listed expense so it can be verified. Acceptable documentation includes official bank/credit card statements, invoices, receipts, purchase orders, payroll expense reports, accounts payable, etc. If multiple expenses are listed on a supporting document, highlight the relevant lines.

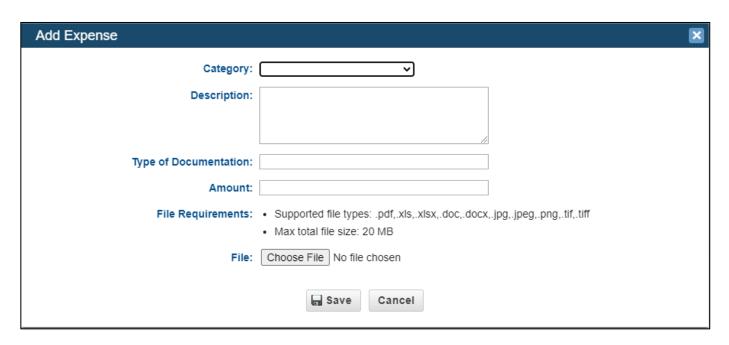


Expenses are categorized into five types: Medical, Retrofitting Facilities, Transportation, Worker Housing, and Workplace Safety Measures. Each category may be used more than once when uploading expenses. After saving, you may edit or remove an expense if needed.

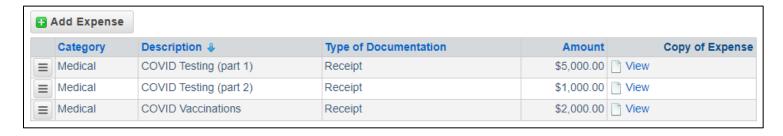
When you click "Add Expense", a box will appear for you to enter information for each type of expense included in your application. You must provide supporting documentation for each expense type. Acceptable documentation includes official bank/credit card statements, invoices, receipts, purchase orders, payroll expense reports, accounts payable, etc. Provide a brief description of the expense.

All documents uploaded to incomplete and unsubmitted applications will be deleted after 7 days. If you are unable to complete and submit your application within 7 days, these documents will need to be uploaded again.

Use the drop-down menu to select the category of the expenses being added. Then click the "Choose File" button to select the file to be uploaded. Although .pdf file types are preferred, supported file types include .xls, .xlsx, .doc, .docx, .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .tif, and .tiff.



Applicants are **strongly** encouraged to combine similar expenses into the same upload. For example, if you have COVID-19 testing and vaccination expenses for your employees, add these as two different expenses under the *Medical* category – one for testing and one for vaccinations. Add up the costs for each type of expense together (so that you get a total cost for testing, a total cost for vaccinations, and so on) and combine all documentation into one file to upload for each. Note that the maximum file size is 20 MB. If similar expenses need to be split up because of this file size limit, that is ok. You can provide an explanation of this in the Description field.



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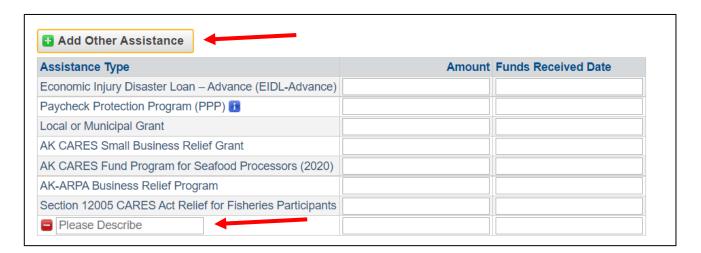
### Other Assistance

List all COVID-related grants and forgivable loans the applicant business has received from all sources. This may include local government, state government, federal government, or Tribal entities. You must enter a value for the programs pre-loaded on the application. If you did not receive funds under one of these predefined programs, enter "0." Enter the amount on the left column, and the date the funds were received on the right.

# Other Assistance List all Federal COVID relief funding your business, or a parent company on behalf of your business, has received from all sources. This may include Federal relief funding via grants from local government, state government, federal government, or Tribal entities. You must enter a value for the programs pre-loaded on the application. If you did not receive funds under one of these pre-defined programs, enter 0 in the Amount field. If you received a grant not on the predefined list, you must disclose it by clicking "Add Other Assistance". Enter the source of funding, amount of funds received, and the date funds were received. All forms of assistance must be listed for a complete application. Add Other Assistance Assistance Type Economic Injury Disaster Loan – Advance (EIDL-Advance) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Local or Municipal Grant AK CARES Small Business Relief Grant AK CARES Fund Program for Seafood Processors (2020) AK-ARPA Business Relief Program

If you received a grant not on the predefined list, click the "Add Other Assistance" button. A new field will appear. Enter the assistance type, amount of funds received, and the date funds were received. All forms of assistance must be listed for a complete application.

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### **Upload Documents**

The following documents are required to be uploaded with your application for your grant request to be processed. If the documents are not uploaded at the time of submission, the application will be rejected.

- Voided Check or Deposit Slip.
- Valid Government Photo ID of the filer and, if applicable, the official authorizing the Signatory Authority Form.
- Proof of Active Status in SAM.gov *or* Proof of Registration in SAM.gov. See below an example of what to provide for Proof of Active Status in SAM.gov.
- Signatory Authority Form (for submissions made by third parties only). This Form can be found at: <a href="https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/0/pub/AK-SeafoodProcessors-Signatory-Authority-Form.pdf">https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/0/pub/AK-SeafoodProcessors-Signatory-Authority-Form.pdf</a>.

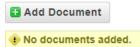
To upload a document to the application, click the "Add Document" button, and use the drop-down menu to select the file description of the document being uploaded. Then click the "Choose File" button to select the file to be uploaded. Although .pdf file types are preferred, supported file types include .xls, .xlsx, .doc, .docx, .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .tif, and .tiff.

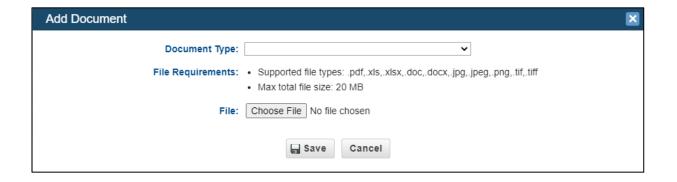
Upload the required documentation, and upload additional documentation marked as optional if applicable. Documents uploaded to incomplete and unsubmitted applications will be deleted after 7 days. If you are unable to complete and submit your application within 7 days, these documents will need to be uploaded again. Please see Grant Application Instructions for more detailed information on required documents.

- (required) Voided Check / Deposit Slip Provide a voided check or deposit slip with name and address of the business clearly visible (this is to verify bank account information).
- (required) Government ID Provide Valid government photo identification of the filer and, if applicable, the official authorizing the Signatory Authority Form.
- · (required) Provide either:
  - Proof of Active Status in SAM.gov This can be a screenshot of the Entity Overview page. DUNS Number, Status, and Expiration Date
    must be visible.

OR

- Proof of Registration in SAM.gov If applicant does not already hold a DUNS or Unique Entity ID number, provide proof that the SAM.gov registration process has been initiated. This can be a screenshot.
- (optional) Signatory Authority Form For submissions made by third parties only, provide a completed Signatory Authority Form.

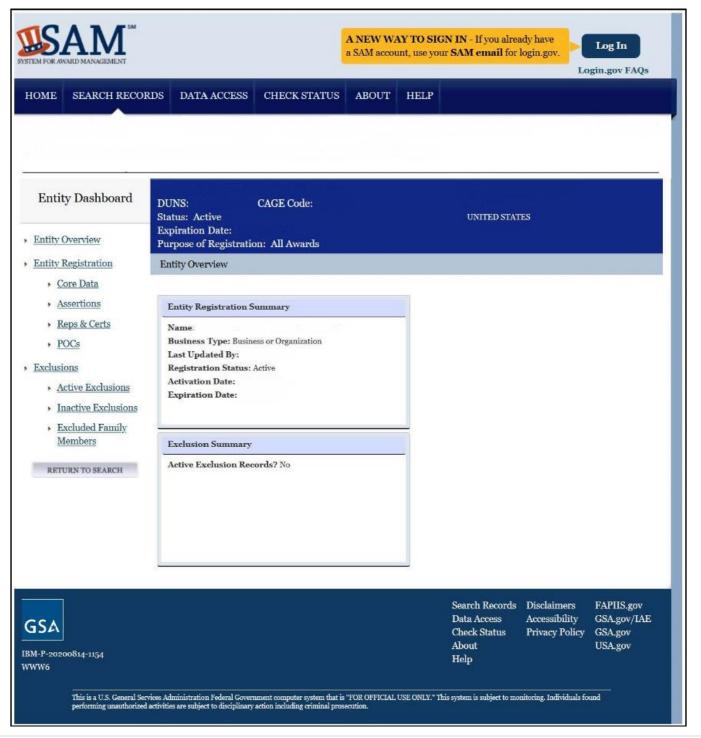




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See example below of what to provide as Proof of Active Status in SAM.gov. Applicants can provide screenshot of their Entity Dashboard in SAM.gov. All fields need to be visible including Name, DUNS Number or Unique Entity ID, Status, and Expiration Date. The SAM.gov website will undergo a change between April 1 and April 4 to make the switch from DUNS Numbers to Unique Entity ID, so the Entity Dashboard may look slightly different when you are completing your application, but the concept will be the same. For more information on this change, visit

https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/0/pub/AK-SeafoodProcessors-Unique-Identifier-and-SAM-Registration-Guide.pdf



### **Review Application**

### Proceed to Submit

Once you have finalized your application and are ready to submit, click on "Proceed" at the bottom of your application (under the "Upload Documents" section). This will not submit your application yet. The portal will flag any fields that are not properly completed, and you will need to complete these prior to proceeding to the next page.



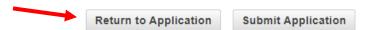
Once the completed document is submitted, a PDF document of your grant application will be auto generated. Select the "Click Here to Review" link and carefully review all information prior to final submission. After you have thoroughly reviewed your application, click "Return to Application" to resolve any errors.

IMPORTANT: Please review the PDF of your grant application for submission.

Grant Application Document: Click here to review.

By submitting below, you make the following representations, authorizations, and certifications

- I certify that expenses included in this application are strictly for Alaska based operations (plants located in Alaska or at sea processing vessels with landings in Alaska).
- Grant proceeds will be used only for the reimbursement of eligible expenses that have not been claimed or paid by other forms of assistance
  and are in compliance with State and Federal law. I understand that if the funds are knowingly used for unauthorized purposes, the State of
  Alaska may pursue recovery of grant amounts and / or civil or criminal charges.
- I certify that I am not applying to any other states' Seafood Processors Pandemic Response and Safety Block Grant programs for the same expenses included in this application.
- I certify that I have not received, no am I anticipating receiving, financial assistance from any other program for the same expenses included in this application.
- . I am not engaged in any activity that is illegal under Federal, State, or Local law.
- I understand, acknowledge, and agree that the State of Alaska may request additional information from me for the purposes of determining eligibility, and that my failure to provide information requested may result in a delay or denial of the grant.
- I have read the statements included in this document and I understand them.

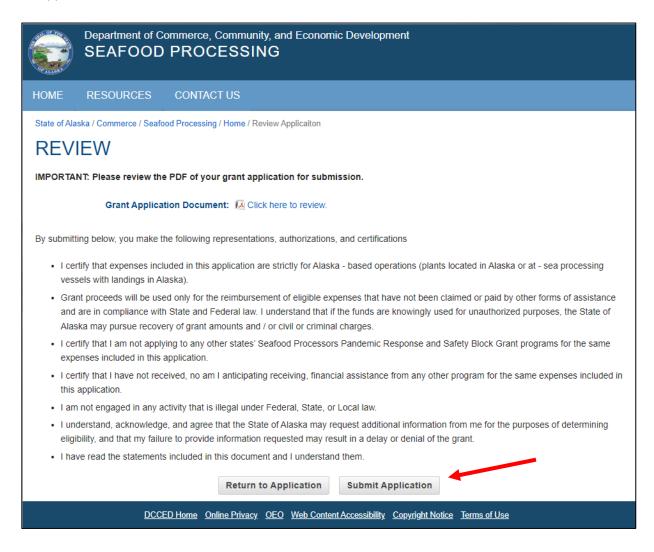


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### **Submit Application**

If you are satisfied with your application, click "Submit Application."

No changes can be made to the application after submission unless requested by DCCED. Incorrect applications can only be cancelled, and applicants still interested in pursuing this grant opportunity would need to restart the process with a new application.



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# **Grant Steps After Submission**



You will be able to view the PDF of your application by clicking on the button on the left (as indicated above). Once an application has been submitted, the submitted application PDF will be available for 30 days. The DCCED grant review team will contact all applicants once award determinations are made.

For questions, please email <u>ced.seafoodprocessors@alaska.gov</u> for the quickest response, or call (907) 269-8100.

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